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stature, with short curly hair, and obtain a precarious living while wandering through the forests. They are excellent tree climbers and most useful to the collector if they can be induced to work. From this region Mr. Williams went to the town of Baguio, some one hundred and fifty miles northward, and at an elevation of 5,000 feet, remaining till the beginning of 1905. During the summer of 1904 the heaviest rainfall on record for the islands was encountered, one hundred and thirty-nine inches falling in the months of June, July, August, and September. Going southward from this place, the time from January to July was chiefly spent in the island of Mindanao, first collecting near Zamboanga in the southwest part, then in the southeastern country about the Gulf of Davao and Mount Apo. This mountain is one of the highest in the islands, nearly 10,000 feet, and proved a most interesting field where a lifetime, rather than a few months, could be spent in exploring its often almost inaccessible mountain sides, cañons and streams. On returning to Manila from Mindanao, the boat stopped at Jolo, the chief town of the Sulu Archipelago, for a few days, and here the last collecting of the trip was done before returning to the United States.

Professor Underwood was asked to act as delegate to the Council of the Scientific Alliance for 1906.

The meeting adjourned until the second Tuesday in February.

C. STUART GAGER,
Recording Secretary.

NEWS ITEMS

Dr. A. B. Rendle has been appointed keeper of the botanical department of the British Museum in the place of Mr. George Murray, who has recently resigned.

The spring course of lectures in the Wagner Free Institute of Science of Philadelphia includes ten lectures on "North American Trees" by Dr. John W. Harshberger, of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Forrest Shreve, Adam T. Bruce fellow in biology in Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed professor of biology in

the Woman's College, Baltimore. Dr. Shreve is now engaged in researches at the tropical laboratory of the New York Botanical Garden at Cinchona, Jamaica.

Mr. E. S. Salmon, who for several years has been pursuing bryological and mycological studies at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, has recently accepted the post of mycologist in the Southeastern Agricultural College at Wye, near Ashford, Kent. Mr. Salmon's "Monograph of the Erysiphaceae" was published as a memoir of the Torrey Botanical Club in 1900.

Dr. and Mrs. N. L. Britton and Dr. Marshall A. Howe, of the New York Botanical Garden, left New York on February 24, for a few weeks of botanical collecting in Porto Rico and the adjacent island of Culebra. Professor William Morton Wheeler, of the American Museum of Natural History, Mr. John F. Cowell, director of the Botanic Garden of Buffalo, and Miss Delia W. Marble, of Bedford, N. Y., are also members of the party.